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1. At my request, ☐ arranged for a meeting with ☐ on 7 March 1957 in Lucerne. It was thought that ☐ might have something to contribute concerning the rumors of arms shipments to Egypt through Switzerland. Subject seemed pleased to see us, and after he had furnished us with suitable refreshments (tea), began to reminisce over his war-time ☐ service. I have the impression that he must have been very good in his profession. ☐ uses the term "fantastic" in describing ☐ successes in the field.

2. After a decent interval, I stated the purpose of our visit to Lucerne. Subject answered that he had heard only one or two things which might indicate Egyptian or Arab acquisition of arms through this country, but that as early as 1952, fm KRAEMER of Hispano Suiza, Geneva, through one fm DIERER had had excellent relations with Egypt. He guessed that those connections still existed and that, if they did, more information might be had in Spain, which would probably be the route of any such transaction carried out by Hispano Suiza. The following tid-bits were gleaned from ☐

a. The Egyptian Military Attache in Rome travelled to Poissy (near Lensanne) sometime in January 1957, to visit an unknown person with the object of obtaining or arranging a shipment of arms for Egypt.

b. A German citizen using the name Roland recently visited Francois Genoud, chalet Rosemont, Villars sur Ollon, Kanton Vaud, Switzerland, with a request for unspecified types of arms for Morocco. Genoud, who has a connection with the Association Internationale des Amis du Monde Arabe Libre, referred Roland to the German branch of the Association,

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particularly to Hans Rechenberg, Bad Tölz, Oberbayern. Rechenberg was described as a former friend of wartime German Minister Wink. Before going to Genoud, Roland had been in contact with (fnu) Pabet, believed to be a Swiss residing in Bern, who asked Roland for an end-use certificate from Morocco. Pabet is thought to have informed the Swiss Federal Police of Roland's interests.

c. Sams S.A., 22 Rue de La Cité, Geneva is known to have good relations with Egypt and to engage in three-cornered trade with Egypt and the USSR and Poland. Matthey (fnu) is the manager. No arms trading is known to be carried on by this firm, but it is thought that Matthey may be aware of such trading.

3. Subject received me like an old friend, with back-slapping, hand-shaking, and much good humor. It appeared that he wished to help in anyway that he could. At one point, [] allowed that he believed the Americans to be missing a good bet in his friend Franz Von PAPEN, former German Foreign Minister. Von PAPEN recently told [] that Hans Wilschius, former German intelligence officer, is now in the United States to collect funds to be used to propagandize for a neutralization of Germany. If Headquarters is desirous of making a contact with Von PAPEN, it can be arranged without difficulty.

4. In view of the fact that []'s old nemesis, [] may soon be replaced and also that [] has been rehabilitated (he was invited to return to the service last year), it is believed that a stepped-up contact with him would be well worth the trouble. In the future, I shall try to get down to Lucerne every five or six weeks to see him.

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